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THE MEDICAID PROGRAM



New York Medicaid Program Basic Benefit Review Work Group

*Troy – NYS Department of Health Capital District Regional Office
Saratoga Conference Room,
Frear Building, One Fulton Street, Troy, NY 12180*

October 4, 2011



Vision

- New York Medicaid will have an evidence informed benefit package which promotes high quality, efficient, and effective services that improve health and health care outcomes for its members.
- A transparent, sustainable and iterative process to accomplish this will be created that is inclusive of internal and external stakeholders as well as content experts in health care benefit design, implementation, and evaluation.



Mission/Charge



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Group will review current Medicaid benefits including an overview of coverage criteria (if any), copayments (if any), within Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Managed Care for specific suggestions regarding ways to develop and promote evidence informed, cost effective health care services within the parameter of overall budget neutrality for the Medicaid program.



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Timeline/MRT Dates



MRT Work Group Timeline

October 5: MRT Meeting (Albany): Phase 1 Implementation, Global Cap and Savings Updates; Phase 2 Work Group Updates (Work Group co-chairs present 3 minute overview of work group charge, process, final or anticipated final recommendations)

October 15: Final MRT Work Group Recommendations from Program Streamlining and State/Local Responsibilities, and Behavioral Health Reform work groups due. Recommendations posted to web, emailed to MRT members. MRT members invited to provide any comments to work group co-chairs/lead staff on recommendations by 10/25.



MRT Work Group Timeline

November 1: MRT Meeting (NYC): Recommendations from 4 MRT work groups presented to MRT for discussion (Program Streamlining and State/Local Responsibilities, Managed Long Term Care Implementation and Waiver Redesign, Behavioral Health Reform, Health Disparities). MRT votes on whether to advance recommendations in final report to Governor Cuomo.



MRT Work Group Timeline

November 1: Final MRT Work Group Recommendations from Basic Benefit Review and Payment Reform and Quality Measurement work groups due. Recommendations posted to web, emailed to MRT members. MRT members invited to provide any comments on recommendations to work group co-chairs/lead staff by 12/1.

November 15: Final MRT Work Group Recommendations from Workforce Flexibility and Change of Scope of Practice, Affordable Housing, Medical Malpractice Reform due. Recommendations posted to web, emailed to MRT members. MRT members invited to provide any comments on recommendations to work group co-chairs/lead staff by 12/1.



MRT Work Group Timeline

December 1: Comments due from MRT members on Basic Benefit Review, Payment Reform and Quality Measurement, Workforce Flexibility and Change of Scope of Practice, Affordable Housing work group recommendations. Work group co-chairs/lead staff make determination on whether to revise recommendations based on MRT member feedback, and coordinate with work group members through email or conference call. Final recommendations (with revisions if necessary) are to be presented to MRT at December 13 meeting for vote.

December 13: MRT Meeting (Albany): Recommendations from 5 MRT work groups presented to MRT for discussion (Basic Benefit Review, Payment Reform and Quality Measurement, Workforce Flexibility and Change of Scope of Practice, Affordable Housing, Medical Malpractice Reform). MRT votes on whether to advance recommendations to final report to Governor Cuomo.



MRT Work Group Timeline

December 31: Report submitted to Governor Cuomo

Mid- January 2012: Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget Released

Spring 2012: MRT Meeting – General Status Update



MRT Report Template

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Medicaid Redesign Team
[Name of] Work Group
Final Recommendations – [Date]

Recommendation Number:

Recommendation Short Name:

Program Area:

Implementation Complexity:

Implementation Timeline:

Required Approvals: Administrative Action Statutory Change
 State Plan Amendment Federal Waiver

Proposal Description:

Financial Impact:

Health Disparities Impact:

Benefits of Recommendation:

Concerns with Recommendation:

Impacted Stakeholders:



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Medicaid Redesign Team [Name of] Work Group Final Recommendations – [Date]

Work Group Charge:

- *(Should include bulleted work group charge(s) listed on work group website)*

Work Group Membership:

- *(Should include bulleted membership list, same as listed on work group website)*

Meeting Dates and Focus:

- *(Include meeting dates and short summary of discussion, based on agenda/minutes, both available on work group website)*

Outside Experts Consulted with:

- *(List any outside experts who presented or made recommendations to work group)*

Brief Summary of Discussions that Led to Focus on Recommendations Included in this Report:

- *(Include short summary of discussion that led to focus on recommendations)*

Summary Listing of Recommendations: *(list each recommendation by short name; supplemental information is to be provided on recommendation form)*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Principles for Benefit Design

- **Changes**
 - *More detail on evidence levels*
 - *Rare conditions*
 - *Conflict of interest*
 - *Evaluation of impact*



Benefit Review Process



Benefit Proposals